

Here's a Pioneer tape notes

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7/4/54 + 1/6/55

Charlie Jones - Van

Territorial Senator from 2nd Div - Nome

1913 - member of 1st Alaska Legislature -
interviewed on his way to June to
Legis. Council -

54 years in AK; joined Repub party 1st

you in AK.

mentions another name.

Miles Keely - Krik (Oregon Legis)

Judge Bummer from Nome has served

in other legis.

H. T. Ray Pres of Senate

Henry Roden, Dan Sutherland, ^{Henry} Collins (?)
+ Jones only ones still alive.

1913 - did not know what taxes could
raise -

Wickersham bill said federal
officials could have addtl duties
assigned by state legis.

Were successful in collecting
more \$ than spent 1915 legis
had \$ to begin with.

Voting precincts hard to define.

Jones defeated after that + then too
busy to run again.

appointed US Marshall + acted
as Supt. of AK. Road Commission
Prospected in winter.

had 2 girls + 1 boy.

discusses
organizing
legis

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Marshall - appointed by Judge
Loman on death of Duffin
(Coolidge admin) 9 years
as Marshall of 2nd division.

Prohibition Era so Marshall was
strenuous ~~and~~ job - had to be
careful about search & seizure.

2nd div was created during ^{gold} strike at
Nome -

describes a bad judge ^(pages?) + in 1900-01
Marshall law was declared - Army
established Ft. Davis w/ 2 companies

Nome Strike - Lindenberg hired to
teach Eskimos to hunt ~~skindier~~ -
= had learned mining in Michigan -
3rd man had jumped ship at Teller -
Came to Swedish Mission at
Golovin + missionary staked them.
Storm forced them to land where
Nome is - Anvil Creek + Snow Gulch.
Staked claim - didn't know how to
set up mining district.

Gabe Price had been sent by ^{Chas B.} Lane
to investigate Strike Reports at
Council. Price helped them
stake claims - Lane brought in
Company to work claims.

Much litigation over 2nd + 3 beach
lines.

Big boom was 1900 digging on the
beach - could make
25 - \$100 / day on beach.

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"I believe in gold - as basis
for money" rather than paper
stuff - also against credit.
make our own basis for \$ + other
countries will soon come to
it!

Unhappy that gold you mined
wasnt yours

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Frank Thieson 1/8/55 Van

This past year (1953) gold mining
very high

Thieson came to Fair 1922; to
Juneau 1912

FE just taking over Fair in 1922.
Stayed til '25 went to Koyukook -
Partner Durand opened up Slate
Creek "this summer" - had been
hard work before -
(mentions one other set of partners
on Mascol Creek)

Used tractors -
(Dredge) works better where ground
is shallow -

Strandbergs at Utopia Creek have
washing - (names others)
All these all placer mines -

Only 3 load mines because so
expensive. Chaudalar (Gov.
Selzer) had quartz & load mine.
takes most of a crew &
expense to ship out by plane.

Future - prospector is gone -
been there 29 years & only
~~3~~ prosperity I have come in. Too
rough for young fellows.

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Q Is this generation softer?

A It's easier to work for wages - when prospecting never know if you'll see ~~color~~ color.

Side 2 -

You'd start mining in Spring as soon as water ran.

Before came to Ak was in confectionary business - went out for WWI & returned to confectionary business for a while. Returned to Ak in '22

"Seems like when get in hills you like it & don't want to try anything else."

Juneau was bustling - mines on Douglas Isle. Hard rock mines. Montana Copper mines & some from Europe.

Colorful experience? Al West was a partner of mine - Joe Croisson. We took 1st of boat ship on Koyukon (?) river - on Koyukok - Before planes had horse sleds from Bettles to Wiseman.

Sam ? had steamer "Teddy Bates"

Required on going outside for winter - last winter 1st time out in 30 years -

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Had surgery at Virginia Mason
Met ex-wife outside and
got married again.

Quite a few women helped their
husbands mine -

Story of Frank Smith's nephew's wife
Bethy.

Not many women out there
in recent years -

Boats brought stuff for whole
year. Dog mail came from
Tanana.

Lot of people think airplanes have
hurt country but I think it's
more convenient. Fresh stuff
out at camp.

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Maurice Goding 1/8/55 / Van

Now lives outside - recording on Friday - his 73rd birthday. Evelyn Franich + Marge Smith (working for ^{Wesley} ~~Robert~~ in Wash.) are his daughters.

Came to AK Feb 22, 1922 -
Went out in 42 + returned

41 years in AK - I turn at mining but spent most time w/ White Pass RR - Built to take care of Klondike Gold Rush, not permanent, but something comes to give it boost. Still narrow gauge but getting 1st Diesel engines "this" year.

Had fun prospecting - perhaps didn't take it too seriously.

Was senior engineer when left RR. Army took RR over in days of building highway -

1st 20 miles of RR climbs nearly 3000 feet -

1 sad experience - a rock slide took a locomotive right off train -

Prospector's Food - "given some salt a man could get by off the country -"

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Why drink tea instead of coffee
because 1# of tea is much
lighter & less bulky.

Sourdough starter - Recipe -

(Tries in Turlock, Calif - San Joaquin
Valley)

2 c flour
1 t salt
1/2 t dry yeast
2 c warm H₂O
3 T sugar

Stir into paste
& keep warm -
2-3 days it's
ready -

Night before add 2 c fl & 1 t sugar
& 1/2 t salt + 2 c water -

leave a cup of starter in bowl -
to remainder at 2 T sugar 1 t
salt 3 T fat + an egg if
you had 1. 1 t soda in water -

Side 2 - I've seen restaurants advertise
Sourdough as old as Gold Rush.

Skagway was just a little RR town.
RR was so busy w/ freight that at
1st it didn't want to bother w/ tourists

Put up a marker on Soapy Smith's
grave & tourists took it away
free meal.

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Began to have a few Ford cards
Martin Mutchem (?) built only
Street car in Alaska -
(at Skagway?) entertained
tourists - showed them about
gold prospecting - He was a
murderer - said had doctors
keep patients alive til winter
when there were no tourists.

Hope to visit old friends in Skagway
on way outside.

Recites some of Robt Service -
Dangerous Dan McGrew
"A bunch of the boys were whooping it
up . . ."

She mentions Dan Layman & his
wife Lou who recites Robt
Service locally.

Best birthday he ever had,

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Pedro Dedication - (Recorded in 1954)

She mentions show airs on Sunday night -

Rebroadcast of ppgm this week at
Pedro Monument -

52nd anniversary of discovery of gold

Gas Conrad - Came to Ak in 1902

1st man to come to Fair for gold rush

(Conrad speaking at dedication)

Talks about Pedro + Burnette -

By Fall of 1902 Valdez → Eagle → Ft
Gibson → St Michael linked
by US Signal Corps -

Lt Wm Mitchell +

+ Lt Geo. ~~Ed~~ Gibbs were in charge

Lt Gibbs sent telegram to St. Michaels
about Pedro's find - Being
picked up on wire caused rush
to Chena -

• Conrad and ? were 1st Stampeders
Xmas night 1902 - (present corner
1st + Cushman.)

Met Pedro + Ed(?) Quinn.

Pedro told him of open ground
on Gold stream Creek -

Speaks of program - U of A, Tadd Field
etc -

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Conrad continues -

Pedro informed friends at Circle (named several) who came over including Mike Steporich.

Lists Creeks + miners on them.

Side 2 of Post of McKenna was then pres. of Pioneers.

Frank Chapados was Pioneers historian - reads section from Propier which defines a Pioneer - (placemwreath)

McKenna (?) intro the Governor & Bob Bartlett & says they agreed to come.

Quogram host comments on airplanes coming over head (Speed changes)

(Silence on ET - She closes program -

Male Voice - continues tribute to Pioneers - compliments Fox Igloo #4 for Pedro dedication + co-sponsorship of Discovery day Celebration.

This year in 1954 we tend to think Pioneering is a thing of the past but....

Few days ago I dedicated Ketchikan Pulp Mill dedication.

Talks about fostering pioneer spirit in young people -

(Speed changes) - applause -

No identification of him -

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Should be somewhere #.